

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2008, the City of San Diego, in conjunction with the Barrio Logan community, began preparing a comprehensive update of the Barrio Logan Community Plan (1978 Barrio Logan/ Harbor 101 Community Plan and Local Coastal Program and Barrio Logan Planned District Ordinance Zoning regulations). As part of the update effort, the city commissioned a historical resources reconnaissance survey of the Barrio Logan Community Plan Area (Barrio Logan) in order to prepare the historic preservation element of the General Plan. Brian F. Smith and Associates, Inc. (BFSA) conducted the survey of Barrio Logan from 2008 to 2009.

The survey included a literature review, a records search, archival research, preparation of a historic context statement, field reconnaissance, data analysis, and report. The survey complied with the City of San Diego Historic Resource Survey Guidelines (July 2008), National Register of Historic Places Bulletin 24, "Guidelines for Local Surveys: A Basis for Preservation Planning," National Register of Historic Places Bulletin 18, "How to Evaluate and Nominate Designed Historic Landscapes," and also benefited from the guidance of City staff. CEQA analysis was not conducted.

Previously identified archaeological resources within the study area were considered as part of the study. The South Coastal Information Center records search result listed 33 previously recorded archaeological resources within the boundaries of Barrio Logan, six prehistoric (two also containing historic resources) and the remainder historic. Historic archaeological deposits within the study area have been located where projects are graded and reveal buried refuse deposits, wells, cisterns or privies. These types of resources are not typically visible during a field reconnaissance within an urban setting such as Barrio Logan. Likewise, prehistoric deposits in this area are characterized as shell and midden deposits often revealed during trenching or grading when modern and historic soil layers are removed. Due to the unlikelihood of encountering evidence of either historic or prehistoric archaeological deposits during a reconnaissance survey, the City directed that the survey would not include attempts to locate such deposits.

BFSA historians conducted the field reconnaissance of Barrio Logan in July and August of 2008. The survey boundaries included the Barrio Logan plan area, with the exception of the area southwest of Harbor Boulevard. The survey was focused on buildings constructed before 1965 and those visible from the street. A total of 492 properties were included in the survey. In addition, Chicano Park, which was established in 1970, was reviewed. Ninety-eight properties were found to have potential significance based on architectural integrity or City of San Diego significance criteria and were assigned a California status code of 5S3. A complete list of the properties surveyed is provided in the appendices of the report.

The survey results indicate there are no concentrations of buildings representing a single architectural style or a particular period of time or that relate to an identified historic theme in a significant way. Because of the zoning changes begun in the 1950s that allowed for mixed uses, the industrial/commercial in-fill and wide-scale demolition of residences over the past fifty years has changed the historic setting and the integrity of the plan area. The majority of residential and commercial structures have been altered compromising the architectural integrity of individual structures. Consequently, no historic districts were identified within Barrio Logan. The modifications made by Mexican-American residents to structures

that may have compromised the architectural integrity may still have historic validity as cultural contributions to the landscape and may be considered historically significant.

Native American representatives were consulted regarding the community plan update process. Clint Linton of Red Tail Monitoring and Research, Inc, a representative of the Kumeyaay Nation, submitted a brief statement describing Native American concerns relative to Barrio Logan, and agreed with the recommendations for Native American consultation proposed by BFSa.

Based on the results of the historic resources survey, it is recommended that the City conduct additional research on buildings receiving a 5S3 status code as part of future project review, identify additional buildings that may have been missed during the survey, commission a Mexican American Cultural Landscape and Oral History Study, and conduct project-specific Native American consultation as warranted during future project review.

This historic study was conducted by BFSa under the direction of Brian F. Smith, with the assistance of Melanie D. Lytle, Historian, and Larry J. Pierson, Senior Archaeologist and Historian. Sara Clowery-Moreno and Tracy Stropes, Project Archaeologists, drafted the archaeology section of the report. Surveyors included Andrew Hoge, Ms. Lytle, Mr. Smith, and Matthew Smith. Dylan Amerine and Nora Thornbury edited the report, Adrián Moreno created the graphics, and Jenni Kraft produced and distributed the copies.